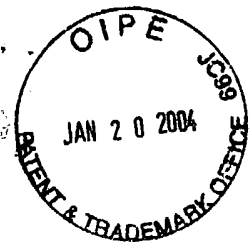


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3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114;
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